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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Fresno - Surge in Gang Violence Sends Seven People to the Hospital in Five Separate Shootings**

(U) Police saturated the streets with 75 additional officers over the weekend after gun violence erupted across the city beginning on 8 February. Following a shooting on 10 February, 20 additional officers were added to the street in a measure to prevent further retaliatory violence between rival street gangs in Fresno, according to the Fresno Police Chief. Police believe the latest series of violence is part of a larger gang war and are now teaming up with local pastors to encourage reconciliation over retaliation.

SOURCE: 10 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Santa Rosa - Gang Members Identified as Killers in Pot-Related Home Invasion Shooting**

(U) While detectives have yet to declare a motive for the two Santa Rosa-area home invasion robberies on 8 February that ended in one man's death, local police believe there is a strong connection between the attackers and the cultivated marijuana found in the deceased victim's home. Officers speculated that the motive could in part be driven by higher profits for the marijuana on the East Coast, sold at a premium. As of 8 February, four of the attackers have been arrested, but one female—allegedly a Crip gang member from Virginia—was still missing as of 9 February.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Santa Rosa Press-Democrat](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Georgia - Equifax Breach Exposed More Information Than Previously Thought**

(U) Atlanta - The data breach exposed more of consumers' personal information than Equifax first disclosed last year, according to documents given to Senate Banking Committee. The company originally announced in September that the personal information of 145.5 million consumers had been compromised—including names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and, in some cases, driver's license numbers and credit card numbers. The new announcement added tax identification numbers, email addresses, phone numbers, expiration dates for credit cards, and issuing states for driver's licenses to the list of compromised information.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

**(U) Hawaii - California Man Gets 20-Year Sentence for Meth Trafficking**

(U) Wailuku - A man from Carson, California—who was arrested last year with a "significant" amount of methamphetamine—was sentenced on 8 February to 20 years in prison on drug trafficking charges. The convicted man was underselling the illegal drugs to Hawaiian residents, so he could “establish a line of drug distribution” from Hawaii to the mainland US, according to investigators. The man is also accused of having some level of association with a gang called the East Side 15th Street clique of the Sons of Samoa Crips—a charge he has denied.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Maui News](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Maryland - Alleged East Coast MS-13 'Kingpin' Being Held in Maryland Jail**

(U) Annapolis - The identity of the man accused of leading the East Coast operations of MS-13, carrying out major drug trafficking and conspiracy to commit murder, has surfaced in court and jail records as an El Salvadoran citizen currently held in a Maryland jail. The accused man is alleged to have led the local "Sailors" clique, or sub-group, of MS-13, ordering beatings and murders and directing the clique's drug operations in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Texas, and elsewhere. The indictment also alleged the man brokered heroin deals with Mexico-based transnational criminal organizations to obtain and then redistribute multiple pounds of cocaine and marijuana.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Newsday](#)

**(U) Massachusetts - Drug Seizure Hailed as State's Largest**

(U) Boston - Federal agents and Boston police seized more than 33 pounds of fentanyl—enough of the deadly synthetic opioid to theoretically kill every person in the state of Massachusetts. The investigation was one of the longest, far-reaching, and most successful state wiretap investigations in Massachusetts history, identifying a domestic drug trafficking operation with direct ties to the Mexico-based Sinaloa Cartel, according to US officials.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Boston Herald](#)

**(U) Oklahoma - Opioid Crisis Gives Drug Cartels a Lucrative Market for Heroin**

(U) Tulsa - Tulsa law enforcement has attributed all the heroin in the area to the Mexico-based Sinaloa Cartel, which smuggles the illegal narcotics and painkillers into Tulsa to fill local demand. Tulsa police estimate six cartel "cells" are operating in the area, selling about 24 kilograms of heroin per month, generating about \$18.7 million in annual sales. On 7 February, local, state, and federal police conducted a series of raids across two counties, seizing what they estimated to be two-thirds of Tulsa's heroin supply.

SOURCE: 10 February 2018, [Tulsa World News](#)

**(U) Washington - State Cannabis-Tracking System Hacked**

(U) Olympia - Washington State's cannabis-tracking system was hacked last weekend, and hackers stole route information associated with four days of marijuana deliveries, as well as other information. It was a breach of the system and indications show the hacker(s) downloaded a copy of the traceability database, according to a spokesman for the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. While the spokesperson did not elaborate, he confirmed the breach affected transfer and manifest data.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Government Tech News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Mexico - Seven People Executed Amidst a Continuing Deadly Cartel Power Struggle**

(U) Guadalajara - A group of at least 10 men on 8 February stormed into a local Guadalajara restaurant, shot, and killed at least six people—several of whom were allegedly armed— following the arrest of a powerful captain named "El Argentino" within the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG). Since the latest spree in violence began on 3 February, between 32 and 40 people have been killed. Jalisco-based CJNG usually fights against the Knights Templar Cartel and Los Zetas Cartel for control of illicit activities within the states of Jalisco, Michoacán, and Veracruz.

SOURCE: 10 February 2018, [My San Antonio News](#)

**(U) South Korea - Cyberattacks against Olympic Games Already Occurring and More are Feared**

(U) Pyeongchang - The US Department of Homeland Security is warning Americans planning to attend the Winter Olympic Games that cybercriminals are likely to be targeting the games. More than 300

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Olympics-related computer systems have already been hit, with many of them compromised, according to the security company McAfee, in what its investigators described as a preliminary hacking campaign. On 9 February, the second stage of that attack appeared to be underway, as assailants siphoned data from victims' machines back to their own computers systems. Security researchers have yet to assign attribution.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [Seattle Times](#)

**(U) South Korea - Korean-Canadian Man Detained for Botched Molotov Cocktail Attack on US Embassy**

(U) Seoul - According to Jongno Police, which oversees the US embassy's external security, the man lit a handmade Molotov cocktail just outside the barbed wire fence encircling the embassy and was about to throw the fire bomb over the fence yesterday when he accidentally dropped the Molotov cocktail into a bag filled with nine other Molotov cocktails and set them all on fire. He threw away the burning bag and fled but was caught by police who rushed to the scene. Police said the man—who is known to have a mental disorder—had made the Molotov cocktails hours before the botched attack using soju (alcohol) bottles.

SOURCE: 12 February 2018, [Korea Times](#)

**(U) Thailand - Police Arrest Alleged Russian Cybercrime Market Operator**

(U) Bangkok - Thai police arrested Sergey Medvedev, 31, who is accused by US authorities of running—in partnership with others—an online cybercrime marketplace called "Infraud Organization." Medvedev's arrest follows the 7 February announcement from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) of indictments against 36 people accused of being active in the Infraud Organization. The DOJ describes the illegal online forum as a "one-stop shop for cybercriminals," composed of nearly 11,000 members who traded more than 4.3 million credit cards, debit cards, and bank accounts worldwide, leading to losses of more than \$530 million.

SOURCE: 9 February 2018, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Turkey - Police Detain 48 Suspected ISIS Members**

(U) Istanbul - Police raided six addresses in three districts of Istanbul on 9 February, detaining 31 foreign nationals accused of being members of ISIS, according to Istanbul police. Seventeen more foreign nationals—accused of preparing to launch an attack—were detained in raids across the capital Ankara. Police have stepped-up operations against ISIS at the end of last year, following the New Year gun attack on a nightclub in Istanbul which killed 39 people.

SOURCE: 10 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom - Government Websites Offline After Hack Infects Thousands More Worldwide**

(U) London - Internet users loading the websites of several UK national government agencies and the council websites for Manchester City, Camden, and Croydon, along with the homepage of the United States Courts, had their computers' processing power hijacked by hackers over the weekend. The malware used to accomplish this—dubbed "Coinhive"—advertises itself as a "Crypto Miner for your Website" program, then runs in the background until the webpage was closed. A security researcher said although the type of cyberattack is not new, it was the largest he had observed, affecting websites across the UK, Ireland, and the United States.

SOURCE: 11 February 2018, [Sky News](#)

**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Mexico - Police Conduct Series of Raids on 'Stash houses'**

(U) Matamoros - Authorities in Matamoros—a town just across the US/Mexico border from Brownsville, Texas—conducted a series of raids over the weekend targeting stash houses along the Southwest border (SWB). According to Mexican police, 229 people were found among six stash houses waiting to be smuggled across the SWB—nearly half of whom were children. All but one of the rescued people were Central American, according to the local government of Tamaulipas. Some of them paid four thousand dollars to get to the stash houses, with many claiming to have traveled to Matamoros via trailer.

SOURCE: 11 February 2018, [KRGV News](#)

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